

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 693
By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Larry Joe Smith and the 1997-1998 McKenzie High School boys' basketball team on reaching the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize this state's talented athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding 1997-1998 McKenzie High School boys' basketball team has recently completed a memorable season, reaching the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament for the first time in their history; and

WHEREAS, McKenzie won the regular season District 14 A title, with an unblemished 12-0 mark; and

WHEREAS, despite strong competition, the Rebels finished runner-up in the Region 7 A Tournament; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate game, McKenzie defeated Greenfield 63-59 to win a coveted spot at the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, their impressive overall record was 24-6; and

WHEREAS, the team strengths were its tough man-to-man defense, consistent free-throw shooting, and experience, with six of the top eight players being seniors; and

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WHEREAS, highly regarded Head Coach Larry Joe Smith and his capable assistant Coach Bruce Herrin have done an excellent job of molding the team into championship caliber; and

WHEREAS, the team's seniors included: Mat Kee, Darian Allen, Calvin Perkins, Clay Boyd, Jason Ross and Chuck Washburn; and

WHEREAS, the other team members were: Justin Stafford, Josh Morton, Clint Verner, Mark Smith, Scott Schweitzer, Ryan Kirk, Shannon Milton, Ryan Anderson, Colby Brandon, Andrew Foster, Thom Woodson, and Jonathan Lankford; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to specially commemorate this notable team on its numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Head Coach Larry Joe Smith and the 1997-1998 McKenzie High School boys' basketball team on reaching the TSSAA Class A. State Tournament, and extend to everyone affiliated with the team our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That duly inscribed copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause deleted from such copies.